

Grammar comparative adjectives

4 Look at the sentences in Exercise 3. Underline examples of comparative adjectives.

► SPELL CHECK comparative adjectives

- Add **-er** to short adjectives to form the comparative: *old* → *older*
- Add **-r** to adjectives ending in **-e**: *large* → *larger*
- Change adjectives ending in **-y** (after a consonant) to **-i**, and add **-er**: *happy* → *happier*
- Double the final consonant on some adjectives ending with a vowel and a consonant: *hot* → *hotter*

5 Look at the spell check box. Write the comparative form of these adjectives.

- 1 short _____
- 2 easy _____
- 3 big _____
- 4 busy _____
- 5 cheap _____
- 6 sad _____
- 7 wet _____
- 8 nice _____

6 Complete these sentences with the comparative form of the adjective in parentheses.

- 1 This laptop is _____ (cheap) than that one.
- 2 I love the summer because it's _____ than winter. (hot)
- 3 Everything is _____ (expensive) at the airport stores.
- 4 Your new car is _____ (fast) than your old one.
- 5 The city is _____ (safe) during the day. At night it can be dangerous.
- 6 Are you _____ (old) than me?
- 7 I am pretty good at Japanese, but my brother is _____. (good)
- 8 Why are your grades from school _____ (bad) than last year?

7 Use the words to make sentences comparing two things. Use a comparative adjective + *than*.

- 1 my brother / short / me

My brother is shorter than me.

- 2 walking / slow / cycling

- 3 I think / rock climbing / difficult / surfing

- 4 giraffes / tall / elephants

- 5 camping / cheap / staying in a hotel

- 6 Canada / big / Iceland

- 7 a taxi / expensive / a public bus

- 8 cities / crowded / towns

Grammar superlative adjectives

► SPELL CHECK superlative adjectives

- Add **-est** to short adjectives to form the superlative: *old* → *oldest*
- Add **-st** to adjectives ending in **-e**: *large* → *largest*
- Change adjectives ending in **-y** (after a consonant) to **-i**, and add **-est**: *happy* → *happiest*
- Double the final consonant on some adjectives ending with a vowel and a consonant: *hot* → *hottest*

4 Look at the spell check box. Write the superlative form of these adjectives.

- 1 short _____
- 2 easy _____
- 3 big _____
- 4 slow _____
- 5 cheap _____
- 6 fast _____
- 7 sad _____
- 8 nice _____

5 Complete the sentences with the superlative form of these adjectives.

easy	far	good	high
large	populated	short	

- 1 The _____ part of the seamount Las Gemelas is 2,286 meters.
- 2 The _____ view of seamounts is from a submarine.
- 3 There are five oceans in the world and the Pacific Ocean is the _____.
- 4 In the northern hemisphere of the Earth, the _____ day of the year is on 21st December.
- 5 Shanghai is the _____ city on Earth. There are 18 million people.
- 6 Neptune is the _____ planet from the Sun.
- 7 Some people think English is the _____ language to learn, but I think it's difficult!

7c Visit Vietnam!

Listening a description of a trip

1  57 Listen to a description of a trip to different parts of Vietnam. Number the activities below in order (1–5).

- a swimming on an island ____
- b a bicycle ride around Ho Chi Minh City ____
- c riding elephants ____
- d traveling and shopping by boat ____
- e visiting the rock towers of Ha Long Bay ____

2  57 Listen again. Complete the sentences with adjectives from the listening. Sometimes you need a comparative or superlative form.

- 1 Ho Chi Minh City isn't the capital city of Vietnam, but it is the _____ city.
- 2 Cycling is a good idea because it's a really _____ way to move around the city.
- 3 The botanical gardens are very _____ and peaceful.
- 4 In the town of My Tho, there are lots of boats and the river is the most _____ part.

- 5 The beaches are _____ in Phu Quoc. There are palm trees and the sea is clean and _____.
- 6 The weather is _____ between October and May and it's the _____ time of year for swimming and sunbathing.
- 7 Ha Long Bay is a _____ place and is _____ with tourists.

Word focus *time*

3 Match the beginnings of the sentences (1–4) with the endings (a–d).

- 1 We like to spend ____
- 2 My life's so busy! I never have ____
- 3 You can save a lot of time ____
- 4 They had a great ____

- a time on vacation with their friends.
- b time to watch TV or read a book.
- c if you book your tickets online.
- d time with our grandparents on the weekend.